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: DEVICE AND METHOD FOR INSPECTION OF BAGGAGE AND OTHER Title

**OBJECTS** 

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks

Washington, DC 20231

## RESPONSE

In response to the Examiner's action mailed May 21, 1992, applicant responds as follows:

## In the claims:

A device for detecting a specific 1. (Amended) material that may be present in an ensemble of objects comprising [means]

an x-ray source adapted to expose an area of the ensemble to x-ray radiation of two substantially different energy bands, [energies]

a detector, responsive to said source, adapted to detect radiation passing through/said/ensemble and to produce dual energy areal image information of [the] said ensemble, and [means]

a computer adapted to [computer process such dual energy information based on differences in attenuation between subareas of said exposed area to detect presence of said specific material by comparing [on the basis of comparisons of] selected

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